is a proposal to import, on aid basis, 5 lakh tonnes of oilseeds to be canalised through the National Dairy Development Board

Drug abuse Rehabilitation Facilities in the Metropolitan Cities

@1360. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been undertaken in the four metropolitan and other big cities in the country about the prevalence of drug abuse among the youth,

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof, and

(c) what steps are being taken to contain the above drug abuse and to cure and rehabilitate those who are already affected by the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) No comprehensive Study has been undertaken as such. However, a 'Multi-Centred Study on Drug Abuse Amongst Students' was commissioned in four metropolitan cities and five other cities According to the report received in regard to the study, the results show a slight decline in the prevalence rates among the students in general However, government has reason to believe that drug abuse has affected all sections of youth other than students also

(c) The Government have taken a number of measures to combat the problem of drug abuse. The Voluntary Organisations are being mobilized to take up activities for providing services and wherever necessary are being assisted financially by the Ministry of Welfare to undertake programmes of awareness building, preventive education counselling and guidance, referral, de-addiction, follow-up and rehabilitation of drug addicts Besides this, the publicity campaign against drug addiction is also being undertaken through official media, and through seminars, workshops poster competitions, Street plays, community level meetings etc., to educate the public regarding ill-effect of drug-abuse Training programmes are also being organised

Pressmen accompanied P.M. to Vancouver

@@1361 SHRI K MOHANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many pressmen accompanied Prime Minister on his visit to Vancouver and from which region these were chosen and which languages they represent;

(b) whether any pressmen representing Bengali, Marathi, Gujarati, Oriya or Assamese were included and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Twenty five pressmen accompanied P.M. on his visit to Vancouver Of these, one each was taken from P.T I. and U.N.I and of the rest, 13 were from Northern Region 4 from Eastern Region, one from Western Region, and 5 from Southern Region

Of the 25 pressmen, 14 represented English language Press, 6 Hindi Press, 2 Urdu Press and one each Konkani, Malayalam and Tamil Press.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

@Previously Unstarred Question 508, transferred from 11th November, 1987.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 604 transferred from 12th November, 1987.